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## JUMPED FROM A TRAIN

A MISTAKE WHICH MAY COST WILLIAM HILL, SR., HIS LIFE.

He Slipped and Fell Under the Moving Cars at the Broad Street Station—His Foot and Hand Amputated—Will Probably Die From His Injuries.

William Hill, sr., an old and well-known resident of this place, met with a serious and perhaps fatal accident at the Broad Street station of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad in Newark yesterday morning. The nine o'clock train from New York, which arrives at Newark at 9:33, had started to pull out of the station and was under full headway when a man was seen to rush hurriedly out of the car and jump from the platform. In another instant the bystanders and passengers awaiting other trains were horrified to see the man dragged along the platform for about a dozen feet and then fall under the wheels of the rapidly moving train. As soon as the last car had passed dozens of willing hands sprang forward to assist the unfortunate man. When they reached him it was found that he was still alive but frightfully injured, and it was apparent that he had only a short time to live.

A stretcher was procured and the injured man was tenderly placed upon it and carried into the baggage room. He was bleeding freely from his wounds. The wheels of the train had passed over his left leg, mangle it terribly below the knee and breaking the bones. The left hand had also been run over and was mangled almost to a jelly. The shoe had been torn from his right foot and all that remained of the foot was a mass of broken bones, the stocking and flesh having been torn completely off and ground up into a pulp. He also had a deep cut on his forehead and another hole in the middle of the top of his head. His face and head were covered with blood and the hair was so matted as to make it almost impossible to ascertain the extent of the injuries about the head.

Several of the men in the employ of the railroad about the station recognized the injured man as an employee of the railroad company, although none of them knew his name. When his clothing was searched for some clue to his identity, the only thing that could throw any light on the mystery was a railroad pass issued to W. Hill and good for passage between Hoboken and Bloomfield.

It was learned later that the unfortunate man was William Hill, sr., of Bloomfield, father of William Hill, the well-known meat dealer of Montgomery avenue. The elder Mr. Hill is an inspector of car seats and is in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad on pier No. 12, Hoboken. He was on his way from Hoboken to his home this morning on Conductor Brown's train which goes to Orange. This train leaves Newark at 9:33 and the train for Bloomfield leaves at 9:53. Mr. Hill discovered his mistake just as the train was drawing out and jumped off the train while it was in motion. He slipped and fell under the wheels.

The police ambulance took the injured man to St. Michael's Hospital where the physicians found it necessary to amputate his foot. A number of Bloomfielders who were waiting for a train witnessed the accident, but no one recognized Mr. Hill, and it was not until they reached Bloomfield that they learned who the unfortunate victim was.

**Brookdale's Future.**  
Upper Montclair is developing with wonderful rapidity. Nearly all the farming property available for building sites and in convenient distances from the railway station has been bought up by speculators, some of whom have already made large profits on their investment. Upper Montclair adjoins Brookdale, and the latter it is expected will benefit largely by the development of the neighboring locality. Many fine residences have been erected on Bellevue Avenue leading into Brookdale, and a number of them close to the township line. Montclair is making improvements all through there, and it will not be long before Brookdale will be asked to follow suit.

Our real estate agents are in receipt of inquiries concerning Brookdale farms, and the inquirers pretend a desire to lead a farmer's life, but nobody credits such pretences, as it is well known that villa sites are about the only crop the farms would be expected to produce. Brookdale farmers are keenly alive to the situation, and if the simple truth is told to the Assessor on his next annual round through the town an appreciable increase in valuations can be confidently looked for.

**A New Station Agent.**  
J. H. Dresser of Jersey City has been appointed agent at the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad station, vice John J. Jacobus, who has been transferred to the Caldwell station.

## Assaulted Officer Smith.

Albert Hoffman, aged sixty-three years, was arrested by Officer John V. Smith on Tuesday morning on complaint of Thomas P. Day of Washington Avenue, for whom Hoffman worked. Mr. Day said that the man would become greatly excited at times, and when in that condition was liable to do some one bodily injury. Hoffman became enraged when told by the officer that he was under arrest and struck him a terrific blow with an umbrella which he had in his hand, cutting a deep gash in the officer's forehead. The wound bled profusely, and it was only after a desperate struggle that Smith succeeded in overpowering his prisoner and getting the handcuffs on his wrists. Hoffman was taken before Justice Hall, who committed him to the County Jail for three months in default of \$25 fine.

The man came to Mr. Day's residence some time ago and stated that he had just been released from the penitentiary, but that he was arrested for doing nothing. He said he had no home and would like to do chores about the place in return for his board. Mr. Day took pity on the man and agreed to care for him. Hoffman became very religious, and would kneel down in the barn and pray for hours at the top of his voice, frightening passers-by who did not know what he was doing. It is probable that his sanity will be inquired into.

Officer Smith says that during the many years he has dealt with criminals this is the first time he has received a blow from one of them.

## Members of La Fayette Post.

In the window of Wood's drug store is exhibited a large photograph of La Fayette Post, G. A. R., of New York city. This post is widely known throughout the United States, not only for its large membership of nearly 600, but also for the prominent names upon its roster. Its meetings, held twice each month in handsome, commodious rooms in the Masonic Temple, are very interesting, and are largely attended by comrades from other posts who always receive a cordial welcome.

Among the 350 portraits contained in the picture may be seen those of Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, who was, during the war, a lieutenant in the Eighteenth New York Volunteers; General Abner Doubleday, who was with Anderson at Fort Sumter, and Sergeant Oakes, the soldier who at that fort fired the first gun of the war; General Greeley of Arctic fame, General Alex. S. Webb, Cyrus Bussey, C. H. T. Collis, J. P. Hatch, Robert Nugent, Francis C. Barlow, E. W. Serrell, Egbert L. Viele, Lewis T. Barney and many others of note. Several members of the post reside in Montclair and Orange, and J. C. Saxton and George W. Panoost are residents of Bloomfield, the latter being the Junior Vice-Commander of the post.

## Police Justices in Townships.

In anticipation of the creation of the office of Police Justice in the townships of this county, a number of candidates have appeared in the field in each township for the position. This town is reported to have two leading candidates. As the measure is a strictly party one, if it is passed none but Democrats need look for the appointment. The salary, it is said, will be about \$300 per year, and the duties not laborious. A police justice will deprive the Justices of the Peace of much of their revenue.

## The Drama to be Repeated.

The "Shamrock and the Rose," the play which was so successfully given by the Young Men's Catholic Union, will be repeated on the evening of St. Patrick's Day at Union Hall. A farce called "A Quiet Family" will be produced in addition under the management of J. F. Dillon.

## Thomas W. Langstroth Very Ill.

Word has been received by the family and friends of T. W. Langstroth who went to Florida a short time ago in search of health, that he was rapidly sinking and that death was momentarily expected. His son, W. G. Langstroth, left for Florida last night.

## Hacked Into the Canal.

A horse attached to a cart, the property of T. Oakes & Co., backed into the Morris Canal at the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad bridge last Saturday afternoon and swam as far as the Bellevue Avenue bridge. Richard Baylis went into the water, unhitched the horse and led him out.

## For a Free Public Library.

A movement is on foot in Montclair to establish a free public library. The Township Committee has been petitioned to submit the question to the people at the local election.

## A Bloomfielder's Loss by Fire.

George Roubaud's stock of harness in his store on Market Street, Newark, was damaged to the amount of \$2,000 by fire on Monday afternoon.

## Bloomfield's Poor-House.

Poormaster C. L. Voorhees says that the poor department expenses for the past year will be about the same as the preceding year, \$4,300. The Poormaster has been called on frequently during the year to help defray the expenses of burial. Two people have died at the poor house during the year, Hiram Jenkins and a man named Morton. The poor house is still in charge of Mrs. Brands, formerly Mrs. Simcox. Mr. Voorhees says she makes an efficient and economical matron.

In regard to the poor farm, about which there has been considerable talk, Mr. Voorhees says that it is absurd to talk about deriving a revenue from it. The ground on which the poor house is located, he says, comprises about four acres. It is rough land and divided by a stream which winds through it. Only about one acre of the ground is tillable. Some years it rents for about ten dollars. This year no revenue has been derived from it owing to an unfortunate circumstance. Mr. Voorhees had calculated on having the ground planted and attended to by Hiram Jenkins, an inmate of the poor house. Jenkins died, and the plan had to be abandoned.

Mr. Voorhees invites inspection of the poor house at any time, and would be glad to see an interest manifested in its affairs and its inmates. The management of the poor department in a township like this requires considerable tact. The demands on the poormaster are greater than is probably realized by the general public. Mr. Voorhees has endeavored to do the right and proper thing in every case, and if he has erred at times, it has been on the side of charity.

## Chief Johnson Endorsed.

Montclair firemen choose their Chief Engineer by ballot, and there has been some talk among the firemen in this town of petitioning the Township Committee to accord a similar privilege to them. The matter was brought up and discussed in a recent meeting of Active Hose Company No. 2, but no vote was taken. It was the unanimous sentiment that if the Town Committee preferred to retain the appointing power that Chief Engineer Johnson was the right man in the right place, and his reappointment would meet with favor.

A member of the Fire Department who is not a member of Active Hose Company said in regard to the matter of the election of a Chief by the members of the department that it would perhaps be a proper thing to do providing no salary was attached to the position. There is a salary, however, and as the Committee have to approve of its payment, the retaining of the appointing power is perhaps the wisest course to pursue.

Another fireman said that he was opposed to the elective method, for two or three shrewd men in the department would manipulate the wires and control the election.

## Appropriations for the Year.

At the regular meeting of the Town Committee next Monday night the matter of appropriations to be recommended for the ensuing year will probably be discussed. So far as known at present the Committee will not be called on to make any recommendations outside of the usual order. It is expected that an unusually large amount will be recommended for stone road construction.

## A New Hat Factory.

C. M. Hedden, a well-known hat manufacturer, has purchased the "Sunfish Pond" property from the Newark City Ice Company and will erect a large hat factory there. The property is to be cut up into building lots. Forty thousand dollars was paid for the property. That part of the city of Newark adjoining the Bloomfield line is developing rapidly.

## Dangerous Sport.

Michael Coltery and Theodore Seims, two employees of P. Hayden's brass rolling mill on Bloomfield Avenue, amused themselves by throwing iron rings at each other on Tuesday afternoon. Coltery threw one which struck Seims on the head, inflicting a painful scalp wound.

## A Runaway.

A horse driven by Mrs. James M. Belden, wife of the well-known livery stable keeper of East Orange, ran away at that place on Thursday morning and was not stopped until he had reached the D. L. and W. R. R. crossing in Bloomfield. Fortunately he kept a straight course and no damage was done.

Parties contemplating giving up house-keeping and wishing to dispose of their household effects would do well to see Post and Moffat, public auctioneers, 278 Glenwood Avenue, who have elegant facilities for obtaining the highest prices for furniture, either by auction or private sale.—Adv.

## Give Them What is Due.

Obituaries on the alleged defunct villages of Glen Ridge are probably premature. It was manifest in the well-attended meeting in Glen Ridge Hall that the movement was too deeply rooted to be lightly treated. Nor is it to be expected that the Ridgites will be allowed to slip off the choicest portion of this township with the ease with which the Arabian caliphs lopped off the fairest provinces of the Eastern Roman empire. Many loyal Bloomfielders will be found opposing the dissection if the forces are arrayed in battle. In the meantime it will be well for those who have control of affairs in this town to devote some attention to the causes which have led to the uprising on the Ridge. If it is all about a post-office, let that fact be known and perhaps some arrangement can be made with the national postal authorities securing to Glen Ridge its post-office, in perpetuity. Doubtless no one can be found in the whole town who begrudges Glen Ridge a post-office. The cranks who would inflict dire vengeance on Glen Ridge by having the name of the pretty railway station changed to Ridgewood Avenue will find but few sympathizers. If it be true that Glen Ridge pays twenty-five per cent. of the tax levy and only receives a small portion in return, the remedy lies in the hands of the governing body of the town, and they should see to it that justice is done.

## Grand Rally of Sunday-School Teachers.

There will be a grand rally of the Sunday-school teachers of Bloomfield, Montclair, Caldwell and Verona next Monday evening, March 7, at 7:45 o'clock, in the First Baptist Church, Montclair, under the auspices of the Essex County Sabbath-school Association.

After a service of song directed by Mr. William A. May, Township Secretary of Montclair, there will be an address on "The Preparation of the Lesson by the Sabbath-school Teacher," by the Rev. R. M. Luther, D. D., of Newark, Vice-President of the Association. A few minutes will be given for questions and answers on the topic of the address at its close, if desired. The Rev. S. W. Clark, Secretary of the New Jersey Sabbath-school Association, is expected to address the meeting also.

A large attendance of the teachers and officers of the Bloomfield Sabbath-schools is desired, as the meeting is designed to be one of inspiration and help to them. Tickets of admission are issued by the Sabbath-school superintendents to their teachers and officers, but it is not to exclude any one from the meeting, as all interested are invited and will be made heartily welcome.

## The Old Story.

The interviews with taxpayers published in last week's CITIZEN on the question of bonding the town have been the subject for conversation during the week. The matter is being freely discussed, and the preponderance of sentiment, numerically speaking, seems to be in favor of bonding. The people of Bloomfield are deemed wise in this day and generation, and in this matter of bonding, as in other important matters of public concern, it is quality not quantity that counts. When the question comes up for debate the conservatism of ten will probably put the enthusiasm of one hundred to flight.

## Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Westminster Church was held in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon. S. Baldwin, a returned missionary from China, was present and delivered an interesting address on his work in that country. Miss Josie Cook, the secretary, and Miss Louise White, the treasurer, of the mission band connected with the church, read their reports of work done for missions during the year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. William H. White; Vice-President, Mrs. George W. Cook; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Capen.

## Mud All Around.

Mud is not a production of nature confined alone to this town. East Orange, held up as the model township for roads, has many streets as muddy as any to be found in this town. Some streets in the city of Newark are in a worse condition than the dirt roads of Bloomfield. Orange has many thickly populated streets that are a terror to drivers of vehicles. Franklin and Bellevue can show as deep and as miry a quality of mud as can be found in any part of this town.

## A New Christian Endeavor Society.

A meeting to perfect the organization of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday night. These officers were elected: President, Joseph M. Williams; Vice-President, William P. Stupphen; Corresponding Secretary, W. S. Phraner; Recording Secretary, Louise Russell; Treasurer, Ernest Cadmus.

## The Y. M. C. A. Course.

A very pleasant entertainment took place in the Sunday-school room of the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night. It was the third in the series given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. There was a good attendance. "Story-telling in Prose and Verse" was the name given on the programme to the performance. It was of a literary and dramatic character.

The programme consisted of selections from well-known English writers and carried out by the Misses Webling of England. The first two numbers on the programme, a selection from Shakespeare's "Henry V" and "Ben" Johnson's poem "Robin Goodfellow," were not appreciated as well as the balance of the selections. "The Crossing Sweeper" (a monologue) by Miss Lucy Webling was exceptionally good, and was very much enjoyed. "The Jackdaw of Rheims," one of the Ingoldsby Legends, was very well rendered by Miss Peggy Webling. "Personation," an interlude, in which Miss Josephine Webling sustained the part of Lord Henry Somerset and Miss Roselind Webling the part of Lady Julia Beauclerc, was highly amusing. A selection from Sheridan's well known comedy, "School for Scandal," concluded the evening's pleasure.

## Township Committee Special Meeting.

Another special meeting of the Township Committee was held on Wednesday evening for further consideration of the Auditing Committee's report. Owing to the illness of Joseph L. Munn, the Committee were deprived of his valuable assistance in endeavoring to effect a settlement. Edward Wilde was present in the interest of Mr. Marr. Mr. Selbert offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the Auditing Committee be authorized to employ an accountant at once to go over the minutes of the Town Committee and cash books of the Collector in order to see how the allowances made from year to year by different Committees enter into the report of the expert." Acting under direction of the resolution the Auditing Committee have secured the services of William A. Baldwin to make the investigation desired.

## Will Enter Them at Gutfenberg.

Thomas Fawcett, who drove Gold Digger in the race with Blue Rock on Washington's Birthday, states that he will match Gold Digger against Blue Rock, the former to pace and the latter to trot, for any amount from \$25 to \$500, and for any distance, or if the owner of Blue Rock thinks his horse can run a little bit he will match an animal that is now being driven before an ice wagon against him in a running race. Caldwell to be the starter and Judge Burke to officiate at the finish. The event to take place at Gutfenberg or at any other track or course that may be selected.

## A False Bang the Only Clue.

A horse and sleigh, the property of James Rawson, the oil dealer, of No. 512 Broad Street, was stolen from in front of a residence in Bellevue, where it had been left standing, on Wednesday night. The police of the various towns were notified, but the rig was not found until Thursday morning, when it was discovered in Franklin. It was evident that some fellow had stolen the rig for the purpose of taking his girl for a ride, as a false bang was found in the bottom of the sleigh. Mr. Rawson paid \$2.50 for the return of his property, and considers that he was lucky.

## Burglars Around Watessing Again.

A strange man was seen by Mrs. A. D. Benton of Lawrence Street trying to force an entrance into the residence of the Rev. Egbert Clement, pastor of the Watessing M. E. Church, while the latter's family were at service on Sunday morning last. Mrs. Benton called her husband, who went over to the house, but unfortunately the fellow became frightened and ran away. It is thought that he entered the church, as a stranger answering his description came in there about the time Mr. Benton said he had scared the would-be robber away.

## A New Royal Arcanum Council.

A new council of the Royal Arcanum has been formed at Upper Montclair. It will be known as Mountainside Council 1420. These officers have been elected for the year: Regent, A. J. Armstrong; Vice-Regent, A. V. G. Doremus; Orator, A. M. Pinney; Secretary, H. C. Doremus; Collector, J. Murphy; Treasurer, A. Van Gleeson; Chaplain, W. H. Wood; Warden, W. B. Jacobus; Guide, J. M. Bush; Sentry, S. Wright.

## Probably a Sneak Thief.

A man was seen by Mrs. Dodd of Park Street acting in a very suspicious manner at the residence of the Rev. B. B. Collins, pastor of the Park M. E. Church, on Sunday morning during the latter's absence at service. The fellow was frightened away.

## BAPTISTS' DAY.

To-morrow They Will Celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Their Organization and the Opening of Their New Church.

To-morrow will be a great day at the First Baptist Church. The members will celebrate two events—first, the fortieth anniversary of their organization in this town; second, the opening of their improved place of worship.

In the morning at 10:30 the pastor, the Rev. Charles A. Cook, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, and there will be a special thank offering for Foreign Missions. The pastor will also preach in the evening at 7:30.

Monday has been designated as Fellowship Day, and at 7:45 in the evening the Building Committee will make their report, after which there will be brief addresses by the Rev. J. T. Dickinson of Orange, the Rev. J. A. Chambliss, D. D., of East Orange; the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. B. B. Collins of the Park M. E. Church, the Rev. G. A. Paul of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. F. J. Goodwin of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church. Mr. C. Wenham Smith will preside at the new pipe organ.

The Tuesday evening services will be in special charge of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church, and has been designated as Young People's Day. At 7:45 P. M. addresses will be made by representatives of the young people's societies of the Bloomfield churches, after which refreshments will be served.

Members' Day will be observed on Wednesday. At 4:30 P. M. there will be a sermon by the Rev. D. D. MacLaurin of New York; at 5:45 there will be a collation and social reunion; at 7:45 P. M. there will be a members roll-call, after which an historical paper will be read and brief addresses will be made by former and present members of the church.

The new Sunday-school room will be open Monday evening from 7:15 P. M. until 7:45, and again at the close of service, for inspection by visiting friends. A committee from the Sunday-school will be present to receive visitors. The school room will also be open to visitors at the close of services on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Free Postal Delivery.

Rumors have been current of late that the application for a free postal delivery service in this town has received a setback which will delay it indefinitely. Postmaster Hayes says that such is not the case; that if a certain appropriation bill now before Congress passes, this town will be one among others in which the delivery service will be put in operation immediately.

Mr. Hayes also said that the requisite amount of business was being done at the office to warrant the establishment of free delivery. Glen Ridge's office is not included in estimating the amount of business done. Business at the Post-office has steadily increased month by month without resorting to any artifice to bolster it up. If economy is not carried to an extreme by the present Congress, the Postmaster regards free delivery as assured.

## Second Ward Republican Club.

The Second Ward Republican Club held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in their rooms on Maple Street. There was a large attendance, considering the weather. Vice-President Schwartz presided. Two new members were admitted. A special meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday evening, March 29. The club extends an invitation to all Republican voters of the Second Ward to be present to consider the merits of the several candidates for township offices. William L. Johnson, the candidate for Township Clerk, was present and made a few appropriate remarks. The club will endeavor to secure the nomination for Poor Master for Thomas Rawson, Jr., and for Constable Peter Fornoff, Jr. Mr. Rawson is obliged to use crutches since his accident two years ago.

## Thanked the Justice.

David Williams and John Welch, who were committed to the Penitentiary on New Year's Day by Justice Post, under the tramp act, walked into the Justice's office on Tuesday morning and thanked him for committing them. They said it gave them a chance to get sobered up. After the Justice had given them some excellent advice they departed via the railroad track.

## Injured While "Catching a Ride."

Elsworth White of No. 56 Maple Street was severely injured about the head and body on Monday while "catching a ride" on the cars of the Orange Cross-town line. With several other boys he jumped off and fell under the car, cutting his legs and making a deep gash in his forehead. Dr. Ward attended him and dressed his wounds.

